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SUBJECT: AFTERNOON NEWS AND COMMENT, JULY 17

1. HIGHLIGHTS. TUESDAY WASHSTAR FRONTPAGES"ERVIN PANEL TO SEEK SECRET NIXON TAPES,"SENATE INVESTIGATORS WORKING ON FORMAL DEMAND TO WHITE HOUSE. STAR ALSO HAS "TAPING REACTIONS VARY," WITH COMMENTS ON REACTION TO BUTTERFIELD TESTIMONY. ROGERS ARTICLE ON PAGE 6. TUESDAY BALTO SUN HAS ROGERS COVERAGE ON PAGE 4.

2. ROGERS. WASHSTAR, TOKYO, PAGE 6 ARTICLE HEADED JAPANESE COOL TO ROGERS ON OIL PROPOSAL, UPI REPORTS ROGERS WOUND UP TWO DAYS TALKS WITH JAPANESE LEADERS ON SUBJECTS RANGING FROM PRICE OF SOYBEANS TO DEAL TO PREVENT QUARRELS OVER MIDDLE EAST OIL. TWO SIDES APPARENTLY AGREED WORK TOGETHER IN INVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT OF SOVIET UNION'S OIL AND GAS FIELDS IN SIBERIA. BUT JAPANESE DELEGATION APPEARED COOL TO US REQUESTS FOR COOPERATION TO PREVENT

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DESTRUCTIVE COMPETITION FOR MIDDLE EAST OIL. DIPLOMATIC

SOURCES SAID JAPAN PREVIOUSLY ASSURED GOVERNMENTS OF IRAN AND SAUDI ARABIA THAT IT WOULD NOT JOIN ANY BLOC OF OIL-IMPORTING NATIONS SET UP TO OPPOSE ORGANIZATION COMPOSED

OF OIL-EXPORTATION COUNTRIES. AT END OF TALKS, UPI REPORTS, ROGERS AND OHIRA SAID THEY WOULD MEET NEWSMEN.

2A. TUESDAY BALTIMORE HAS THOMAS PEPPER ARTICLE, TOKYO, PAGE 4, HEADED ROGERS REVIVES TOKYO CALL FOR ALL-PACIFIC PARLEY. PEPPER REPORTS ROGERS COMPLETELY SURPRISED JAPANESE GOVERNMENT BY ENDORSING ONE OF ITS OWN PROPOSALS - DUSTY, SEVEN MONTH-OLD CALL FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE OF ASIAN PACIFIC COUNTRIES. IN ENDORSING TANAKA'S PROPOSAL ROGERS LIKENED IT TO RECENTLY HELD EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE, AND SAID US HAD QUOTE NOTED WITH INTEREST SUGGESTION OF TANAKA TO CALL GENERAL CONFERENCE OF ASIAN PACIFIC NATIONS. SOURCES CLOSE TO US DELEGATION ATTEMPTING EXPLAIN ROGERS' REMARKS, SAID HE WAS TRYING TO NUDGE IDEA FORWARD IF JAPANESE SAW FIT TO NUDGE IT FORWARD, AND IF OTHER ASIAN AND PACIFIC NATIONS THOUGHT BROAD-BASED CONFERENCE WAS GOOD IDEA. JAPANESE OFFICIALS CLEARLY WERE SURPRISED, SOMEWHAT BEWILDERED AND IN WORDS OF ONE AUTHORITATIVE SOURCE EVEN EMBARRASSED BY ROGERS' STATEMENT. SOME OFFICIALS SAID US MIGHT BE TRYING MAKE COURTEOUS GESTURE TOWARD TANAKA. OTHERS TOOK ENDORSEMENT SERIOUSLY BUT DID NOT QUITE KNOW WHAT ROGERS WAS DRIVING AT. JUDGING BY OTHER PARTS ROGERS STATEMENT AND BY COMMENTS SOURCES CLOSE TO US DELEGATION, ONE OF AIMS APPARENTLY WAS TO OFFER SUBSTITUTE SET OF POLICIES TO THOSE ADVOCATED BY KISSINGER. WHERE KISSINGER AND OTHERS TALKED ABOUT COMPETITIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN JAPAN AND US, ROGERS STATEMENT EMPHASIZED COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP. ROGERS APPEARED TO BE TELLING JAPAN US WOULD SUPPORT MORE ACTIVE JAPANESE POLITICAL ROLE IN ASIA, BUT ONE IN CLOSE HARMONY WITH US. AT SAME TIME ROGERS APPEARED TO BE TELLING CHINA AND SMALLER COUNTRIES OF EAST AND SOUTHEAST ASIA THAT US - JAPANESE HARMONY WOULD ACT AS BUFFER AGAINST TOO MUCH JAPANESE INFLUENCE. IN TERMS US POLICY TOWARD ASIA, ROGERS ENDORSEMENT TANAKA PROPOSAL HAS VAST UNCLASSIFIED

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IMPLICATIONS - SUGGESTING ACTIVE US ROLE BY GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE BUSINESS WITH JAPANESE COUNTERPARTS TO PROMOTE CONTINUED ECONOMIC GROWTH THROUGHOUT FAR EAST INCLUDING CHINA. ATTEMPTS DETERMINE IF ROGERS STATEMENT HAD WHITE HOUSE BACKING CAME TO NAUGHT. PRIVATELY, SOURCES SAID ROGERS' OVERTURE TO TANAKA REFLECTED VIEWS OF JAPANESE SPECIALISTS AT STATE. AS ONE SOURCE PUT IT, REFERRING TO DR. KISSINGER, QUOTE IF YOU THINK WE'RE SAY-

ING WE KNOW MORE ABOUT JAPAN THAN THE GERMANS, YOU'RE
RIGHT UNQUOTE.

3. STATE. CROSBY NOYES COLUMN SAYS REJECTION OF GODLEY
BY SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE IS SIMPLY OUTRAGEOUS.
IT IMPLIES A KIND OF NEO-MCCARTHYISM, AND MOST EXPLICITLY
GUILT BY ASSOCIATION. IT IS FIRST TIME CAREER FOREIGN
SERVICE OFFICER HAS BEEN DENIED POSITION OF HIGH RESPONSIBILITY
AT STATE BECAUSE HE DID HIS JOB TOO ENTHUSIASTICALLY
AND CAPABLY. CURIOUSLY ENOUGH, AT SAME TIME COMMITTEE
VOTED DECISIVELY IN FAVOR OF CONFIRMING SULLIVAN, ONE OF
SMOOTHEST APPLES IN THE BUSINESS; WHILE GODLEY IS SOMETHING
OF ROUGH-CUT BREED OF DIPLOMAT INCLINED TO SAY WHAT
HE THINKS TO ANYONE WHO ASKS HIM. MORE IMPORTANTLY,
SULLIVAN HAS BEEN CLOSELY AND FAVORABLY ASSOCIATED WITH
KISSINGER PEACEMAKING EFFORTS WHILE GODLEY WAS STILL
FIGHTING A WAR. IT IS FAIR TO ASK WHAT SENATORS THINK
GODLEY SHOULD HAVE DONE AS AMBASSADOR TO LAOS EXCEPT
EXECUTE THE POLICIES OF ADMINISTRATION THAT APPOINTED HIM.
IN LONG RUN THE SENATE ACTION CAN BE EVERY BIT AS
DESTRUCTIVE AND DEMORALIZING TO FOREIGN SERVICE AS
WITCH-HUNTS OF MCCARTHY ERA.

4. COMMENT. WATERGATE. STAR EDITORIAL SAYS PRESIDENT
CANNOT KEEP RECORDED CONVERSATIONS BOTTLED UP INDEFINITELY
EXCEPT AT ENORMOUS COST TO HIS ALREADY CHALLENGED
CREDIBILITY. PRESIDENT HAD BEST MAKE CLEAR ARRANGEMENT
FOR RELINQUISHING AT LEAST CRITICAL DEAN TAPES AND THE
TIME TO DO THAT WILL BE HIS FORTHCOMING MEETING WITH ERVIN.

4A. NATO. STAR EDITORIAL VIEWS CLAMOR FOR TROOP CUTS
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IN EUROPE AS VERY SERIOUSLY MISGUIDED. IF THERE IS
GENUINE DETENTE IN EUROPE AND THAT STILL REMAINS TO BE
SEEN, IT DEPENDS VERY MUCH ON STABLE BALANCE OF POWER
WHICH NATO, INCLUDING US CONTRIBUTION, REPRESENTS. UNILATERAL
US PULLOUT WOULD SERIOUSLY UPSET BALANCE BOTH MILITARILY
AND PSYCHOLOGICALLY, PRODUCING INSTABILITIES THE CONSEQUENCES
OF WHICH NO ONE CAN ACCURATELY FORESEE.
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